MBTA COMMUNITIES | Project Timeline

OCT | NOV | DEC | JAN | FEB | MAR | APR | MAY | JUN | JUL | AUG | SEP | OCT | NOV | DEC

Project Phases

Preparation + Start-Up

- Apply for Technical Assistance
- Create Working Group

Education, Outreach, + Listening

- MBTA Communities basics
- How does MBTA Communities legislation relate to other Arlington plans?
- Why compliance matters
- Study of existing conditions
- Analyze feedack
- Internal kickoff with consultant

Learning + Visioning

- Scenario development: options for compliance
- Develop scenarios for meeting MBTA Communities requirement

Iteration: Listening + Revising

- Presentation of scenarios to the community, boards, commissions
- Listening phase: aggregating feedback from the public about what works, what doesn't, what's appropriate for Arlington
- Iterate and revise scenarios to converge on final recommendation, technical zoning, and corresponding outreach materials and graphics

Recommendation

- Present final recommendation
- ARB hearing in advance of Special Town Meeting
- Final iteration to main motion
- Meetings with Town Meeting Members / Precinct Meetings

Adoption

If amendment passes...

- Submit amended Zoning Bylaw to Attorney General
- Being process for participation in Fossil Fuel Ban pilot program

Working Group Milestones

Create Working Group

WORKING GROUP KICK-OFF
Finalize Action Plan for DHCD submission

WHAT WE'VE HEARD
Existing conditions and engagement report-out

ZONING SCENARIOS
3+ scenarios for compliance

RECOMMENDATION
Final recommendation for zoning amendment

Warrant article and main motion

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
October, 2023

COMMUNICATION
Report on results from Special Town Meeting; evaluation of planning process and outcomes

Community Engagement

survey / focus groups / committee meetings

survey / focus groups / committee meetings

precinct meetings

PUBLIC MEETING 1
MBTA Communities: What is it? Why does compliance matter? What do you think?

PUBLIC MEETING 2
Existing conditions, what we heard, next steps

PUBLIC MEETING 3
Presentation of zoning scenarios; begin collecting feedback

PUBLIC MEETING 4
Presentation of final recommendation

MONTHLY REPORTING TO ARB